

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 98-605-C - ORDER NO. 1999-202  
MARCH 22, 1999

IN RE: Application of Adelphia Telecommunications, ) ORDER APPROVING ✓  
Inc. for Approval of Alternative Regulation for ) ALTERNATIVE  
its Business Services, Consumer Card, and ) REGULATION  
Inbound Toll Free Number Service. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Adelphia Telecommunications, Inc. (Adelphia or the Company) for alternative regulation of its business interexchange, consumer card and inbound toll-free number services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for relaxed regulation in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

Adelphia was certified to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina by the Commission in Docket No. 97-302-C, Order No. 98-82. Adelphia provides a range of services including direct dialed intrastate toll service, consumer card services, inbound toll-free number service and directory assistance to both residential and business customers.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing of its Application in several newspapers of general circulation, one time, throughout the State. The Notice of Filing was designed to let the

public know of a manner in which it could participate in the proceedings. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed.

Accordingly, we must consider the relief requested by the Company. In Docket No. 95-661, in response to a Petition for Alternative Regulation by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, this Commission determined that there was sufficient competition in the market for interexchange telecommunication services to justify a relaxation in the manner in which AT&T was regulated. Adelphia submits that as a competitor of AT&T in the market for providing telecommunications services to its customers, it should be subject to no regulatory constraints greater than those imposed on AT&T. Adelphia requests that its business services offerings as described in Section 4 of its tariff be regulated under this form of relaxed regulation.

Both because of the level of competition found by the Commission in Docket No. 95-661-C and because of the Commission's decision to permit AT&T greater rate flexibility, Adelphia submits that it is critical to the continued development of a competitive market for telecommunications services that the relaxation of regulation described in Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 be applied to these service offerings.

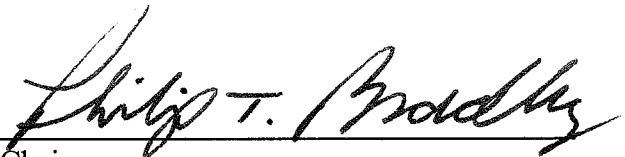
Accordingly, Adelphia requests that this Commission issue an Order applying the relaxed regulatory procedures to its business service, consumer card, inbound toll-free number service and directory assistance offering in accordance with the principles and procedures established for relaxed regulation in Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

We have examined this matter and agree with Adelphia that the services described should be regulated under relaxed regulation as described in the above-named Orders.

We agree that, in Order to foster competition, that the Company should be regulated as requested. We therefore approve the Company's Application as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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